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News and Events

Registration Priority Schedule - Spring 2012

Registration starts this week for the Spring 2012 semester. Newly admitted, readmitted, and active continuing students who have no outstanding financial, academic, or administrative holds are eligible to register online.

Online registration will take place at different times for these categories of students:

- Starting today -- continuing degree-seeking students who were registered during the Spring, Summer, or Fall 2011, but were not newly admitted students during the Fall 2011 term.
- On Wednesday October 26, at 12:01 a.m. -- continuing degree-seeking students who were newly admitted and enrolled in the Fall 2011 term.
- On Monday October 31, at 12:01 a.m. -- all other students (such as new degree program admits for the Spring 2012 term, non-degree seeking and undeclared students).

If you have questions, contact the Registrar's Office at 708.534.4500.

Flu Shots Administered Tuesday

Free flu shots for state employees and retirees will be administered Tuesday, October 25 at GSU. The shots will be administered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The state's Department of Healthcare and Family Services is providing the immunizations to State of Illinois employees and retirees enrolled in either the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or a State-sponsored managed care plan.

To receive the seasonal vaccination at no charge:

- Each employee must present his/her state health insurance card and his/her State ID card.
- Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of ID.

The following are not eligible for free flu shots: dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, and students. Employees who have opted out of health coverage through the state are not eligible.

Get in the Flow



Powerful narratives, dynamic rhythm and rhymes, and live beats will electrify the audience when *Flow*, by Will Power, comes to the Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, November 12, at 8 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$15 to \$39, with special \$15 tickets for students (of any educational institution). Tickets are available by calling (708) 235-2222 or [online](#).

Flow, a production of eta Creative Arts, is the first in the Center for Performing Arts' "One More Night" series, which is bringing the best in Chicago theater to GSU for one final performance. "One More Night" is made possible by a generous grant from the Chicago Community Trust.

First presented at the 2003 New York City Hip-Hop Festival, *Flow* tells the story of a young rap artist on a mission to save the African American oral tradition. He joins forces with – and takes the role of – seven community storytellers, all of whom face the pitfalls of modern urban society. As they tell their specific stories, small but significant life lessons are tossed toward the audience through compelling rhymes and rhythms. The message is clear – we must continue to tell our stories, and pass on our lessons – but the storytelling, filled with feverish energy, is nothing short of inspirational.

Conversation with Flow Director

CAS is sponsoring a Distinguished Lecture Wednesday, November 9, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall featuring *Flow* Director Sonita Surratt, a cast member, and GSU Professor Rashida Muhammad. The lecture is free and open to the public. After the November 12 show, the cast and director will answer questions from the audience.

"One More Night" is made possible by a grant from Chicago Community Trust. The three shows chosen for "One More Night" reflect the rich diversity of the Chicago region, and demonstrate masterful storytelling based on our common human experiences. In addition to *Flow*, future "One More Night" productions are *Tad in 5th City*, presented by IMPAACT, on Saturday, January 21, and *Broadway Sings the Silk Road*, presented by Silk Road Theatre Project, on Saturday, April 28.

CASLO Sponsors Conversation on Communication Skills

Join your faculty colleagues in a conversation about GSU undergraduates'

development of proficiency in oral communication on Thursday, October 27, from 3 to 4 p.m., in D 34115. No preparation or RSVP required. Bring a colleague.

Discussion topics include:

- Why is proficiency in oral communication important for GSU undergraduates?
- What opportunities do GSU undergraduates have to communicate orally within their major/program?
- What expectations do faculty have for students' oral communication in on campus/online courses?
- What outcomes do students achieve in oral communication?
- How do faculty review undergraduate students' opportunities to communicate orally?
- What barriers exist to achievement of proficiency in oral communication?

The session is sponsored by the GSU Committee on Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (CASLO) and facilitated by members of the HLC Assessment Academy Team.

Brokering Resources to the World's Needy

CAS will present a Distinguished Lecture, *Hands and Hearts of Global Empathy*, on Wednesday, October 26, at 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Kersten Bayt Priest, Associate Professor at Indiana Wesleyan University, will discuss how non-governmental groups (NGOs) of religious women activate personal and social networks for those in need around the globe. Through regular short-term mission travels, and in partnership with nationals, the women bring labor, resources, and care to individuals and groups they deem particularly needy – AIDS affected persons, orphans, sex trafficked youth, and the poor.

A reception will follow Dr. Priest's presentation.

Computer Science Club

The GSU Computer Science Club meets monthly to discuss and investigate issues related to our data driven world. Tonight's meeting will feature plans to develop a cyber- security competition team and upcoming events. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., in D2440. Next month's meeting will be on November 11.

The club is also planning to attend a Moraine Valley Community College CS club meeting on November 4, at 6 p.m. The MVCC club is hosting "An Evening with Snort," a presentation by Nick Moore, security engineer from Sourcefire.

Those interested in attending should contact [Dr. Stephen Hyzny](#).

Taffy Apple Time

The Civil Service Senate is offering tasty autumn treats at Wednesday's Taffy Apple and Bake Sale, taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

All proceeds will go to the GSU's Educational Assistance Fund. For more information, contact [Andrea DalPolo](#) at ext. 4582.

Walk-in Research and Writing Clinics

The GSU Library and Writing Center this week are co-sponsoring research and writing clinics. The clinics take place today, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Students may drop in the Library to meet with a reference librarian and writing center consultant to get answers to research paper questions such as how to find and document resources. The sessions are first come, first serve, and free form in style.

Also, on Tuesday, October 25 and Wednesday, October 26, the library is offering workshops on RefWorks, a web-based bibliographic management application. Workshops will be held in the Library Lab, room D2401B, from 1 to 2 p.m. These one hour workshops cover features such as entering references into a personal folder, managing citations, and using RefWorks to document sources in Microsoft Word using APA, MLA, Chicago, and other styles.

Prior to the workshop, create a personal RefWorks account by going to the Library's [Databases A-Z page](#) and click the appropriate link under RefWorks. Off Campus users must use the GSU Institutional Code provided in order to create their RefWorks account. Registration for the workshop is recommended by clicking the sign-up link on the [Library homepage](#).

Food, Fun and Faculty Brainstorming



The newly-formed Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center is sponsoring a kickoff luncheon to herald the opening of the Center. The luncheon takes place Wednesday, November 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

All faculty are invited to attend and meet the Center Coordinators, Professors Raven James and Tony Labriola, as well as members of the Faculty Development Advisory Council. The council will also present the results of its recent faculty needs survey.



The Center is very interested in finding out how best to encourage and assist faculty. During the event, the coordinators and council are seeking brainstorming suggestions on first steps and long-range goals in supporting faculty in all areas of teaching, scholarship and service.

Come and participate in a faculty driven process to sustain and strengthen collegiality at GSU.

At-risk Training Continues

As on-line risk training continues at GSU, university academic and staff support departments are vying for the honor of being the first unit to a register 100 percent training completion rate. The Campus Threat Assessment Team (CTAT) is tracking university departments to determine which unit is the first to reach the 100 percent plateau. The first department to achieve a perfect completion rate will receive the CTAT Campus Safety Initiative Reward.

GSU has adopted Kognito's At-Risk Training, an online, interactive course, to assist in the campus safety initiative. All GSU students, faculty and staff members are encouraged to participate. The training requires only 45 minutes and can be completed in multiple sittings. Through the training, participants can:

- Learn common indicators of psychological distress.
- Practice approaching students.
- Practice referring students to supportive services.

Please visit www.govst.edu/ctat to learn more or go directly to GSU's training launch page, <http://aruf.kognito.com>, to begin the training. To access the course, all learners must enter the GSU Enrollment Key: govst51.

CTAT is striving to maintain a safe environment at GSU. We must all work

together to achieve that goal. If you have questions, please send an e-mail to [CTAT](#).

Adults Are Students Too



In celebration of Non-Traditional Students Week, CAS is hosting a panel discussion on how community colleges and universities can support the adult learner. The discussion takes place on November 11, at 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. It is free and open to the public.

Panel members will include representatives from regional community colleges and the discussion will be moderated by Dr. James Howley, Chair, Division of Liberal Arts.

Refreshments will be served.

Student Spotlight – Mark Kelly

Mark Kelly, a graduate student in Political and Justice Studies and a teacher at Beecher High School, earned recognition in an article in the Kankakee Daily Journal recently for an enlightening project he had his students complete.

Under Kelly's guidance, the class conducted a 10-year follow-up to a national study on discrimination and the rental housing market in the Chicago area. With the assistance of Dr. Erin Kelly, a researcher in community psychology, and Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor at GSU, the students developed a study to determine if the previous study results are still valid. After extensive investigation, the students discovered that the original results showing a great degree of discrimination were no longer valid.

Dr. Haring is very proud of Kelly and his students' accomplishment. "This project was inspired by Mark's commitment to identify, understand, and address social injustices in the community," she said. "He was able to take what he's learning here at GSU and directly incorporate it into his teaching. He is inspiring his students to become engaged, active learners."

Fall Instant Admission Day

Prospective undergraduate students, with the proper transcripts, can be admitted on the spot to GSU at Instant Admission Day on Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GSU faculty, academic advisors, and financial aid counselors will be on hand to meet with prospective students about the university, specific

undergraduate programs, and financial aid. Students have the option of attending group sessions or meeting with staff personnel on a one-to-one basis.

Close Out the Rain

The GSU community is reminded to close all windows at the end of each day to reduce the risk of frozen pipes and possible water damage. The costs of such repairs can be very high, and will be charged back to the responsible department.

If your window cannot be fully closed, or you need assistance getting it closed, call ext. 4515.



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